



The church of Christ  
at  
**Grandview Pines**

*June 5, 2011*

### **We Are Like Jonah – Sometimes?**

The reasons Jonah didn't want to preach to Nineveh, the capital city of Assyria, make for fascinating discussion. But that's not the subject of this article. He did finally go, and in fact, Nineveh did repent before God and were for a while approved by God.

Focus on Jonah 4:5-11. Jonah has gone to the East side of the city, presumably on a hill, to watch and see if the city would repent or would remain in sin and be destroyed by God. God, being disturbed that Jonah was hoping for the latter, created an object lesson that you and I need to understand and apply. God had a shady plant to grow up over Jonah to block the hot sun. "So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd (plant)" (4:6). He enjoyed that pleasant shade. But then God reversed Himself the next day and had some kind of worm infest the plant and destroy it. Jonah was furious over the matter, and God pointed out that Jonah had nothing to do with that plant coming up, nor with it helping him. It was God's business, and God had allowed a blessing to come from it – but it was just that – a blessing. LESSON? God made Nineveh, not Jonah. God rules in the kingdoms of men, not Jonah. It wasn't Jonah's right to decide whether Nineveh should live or die. Such things are God's business and we must not presume to make demands on such.

Now for our lesson! It is easy and commonplace for people to mentally convert blessings into rights. God has blessed us all in so many ways – even people who are unbelievers are richly blessed by the One who brings the sun and rain (Matthew 5:43-45). I may just become so accustomed to being blessed that I see God's blessings as entitlements. I feel I somehow deserve them or I'm entitled to them because I'm used to having them. But that disposition was wrong for Jonah and is wrong for me.

Don't take God's blessings for granted. I do not enjoy my daily bread and shelter and friends and church and the air I breathe because I have a right to them. I have them because God is gracious to me. And in the event that God chooses to remove the blessings, may we all say with Job, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21).

Glenn Colley - The Messenger, West Huntsville Church of Christ

### **A Dangerous Trend in Worship**

**KEN BAIRD**

A family visits a worship service at the invitation of one of our members. When asked for their opinion, their response is "Frankly, I was bored" It happens again and again, and we begin to worry.

A thorough investigation reveals at least two factors that could explain the difficulty we are having attracting new people:

1. To a large extent, the present generation has been raised on a diet of television where only perfection is allowed in the finished product. Mistakes and faux pas are edited out The speaker is dynamic and is every bit as important as the message he delivers. He is selected on the basis of his charisma and he is retained on the basis of the audience he attracts.

2. The theme of today's world is entertainment It may be sports, movies, TV, Nintendo, or it may take some other

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form. But give today's generation a pause in their entertainment and they are immediately bored

Our conclusion is that we must make our worship more entertaining. We must be more conscious of the charisma and attracting power of our preachers. After all, we can't teach people if we bore them. And so the old proverbial end justifies the means.

### **What's wrong with such an approach?**

1. It's based on a complete misunderstanding of the purpose of worship. Worship is first and foremost to give something back to God in response to what He's given to us. An example is "We love Him because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19).
2. Our problem is not that we have provided a boring worship service. The solution is not that we must entertain this generation in order to interest them in God.
3. Our problem is that we haven't adequately taught what true worship is. We haven't instilled in our people such a love for God and Jesus that they will just naturally want to respond to Them from that love. And that love and that response, directed to God, and not to anyone else, will be so great that others will see that we have been with Jesus. To be bored with worship or to be concerned because someone else is bored with worship is to not understand worship and may mean that we haven't really worshiped!

### **Time Well Spent! Wayne Harvell**

Statisticians tell us that the average life span is now around 75 years. If you are under 30 then you think that is a long time. If you are older, you realize that is not really very long at all.

Some time ago, someone went to the trouble to research what people do with their time. If we live to be 75, most of us will have spent:

3 years, 24 hours a day, acquiring an education – grade school, high school, and college.

7 years eating, 24 hours a day – some more, some less, obviously.

14 years, day and night working.

5 years riding in automobiles or airplanes.

5 years talking with each other – again, some more, some less.

1 year sick or recovering from sickness.

24 years of our life sleeping!

3 years reading books, magazines, and newspapers.

12 years amusing ourselves – watching TV, going to movies, fishing, etc.

That totals 75 years. As I look at these statistics I think – suppose we spent every Sunday of our life, for 75 years worshipping during two services each Lord's Day – how much would that total for God? The answer 11 months!

Let's double that because we would also spend time each week in two Bible classes. That also totals 11 months.

Think about that – 5 years in an automobile and just 22 months in church. Twelve years amusing ourselves – 22 months in church learning and worshipping God. What does that say about the brevity of life and our priorities? How much time do we spend in preparations for eternity?

### **Bulletin Updates, Changes & Removal of Names**

Don't forget to let us know if prayer list or other bulletin information needs to be changed.

Please email Trey Harvell by Friday night. [trey.harvell @ gmail.com](mailto:trey.harvell@gmail.com)

## News, Notes & Nouncements

**Welcome Visitors:** We are thankful to be able to gather to worship our God (John 4:24). Please take time to fill out a card and place it in the collection plate. If you have questions about what you see or hear we would be glad to answer them after the service. We hope all leave edified and uplifted.

**Please Silence** cell phones so our worship services will not be interrupted.

**Guyana Missions:** We were able to take almost a full busload of items to the Summerdale congregation. Thank you for your generosity.

**Barnabas Board** is in the foyer for posting notes of encouragement,

thanks, etc.

**Volunteer Sign-up List** for preparation of the Lord's Supper for this year is now available. A few months are still available.

**Items Needed For the Pantry:** Canned fruit and juice. Canned meats. - tuna, chicken, chili. Household cleaners. Paper Towels. Please check expiration dates when buying canned goods. Thanks.

**Youth Devotional:** June 26th after evening services. Host family will be Lisa Wright and Jackie Conyers.

**Backwoods Christian Camp:** "Challenge to Change" July 10th - 15th If anyone would like to assist any of our kids financially, please see

Terry.

**Our Deepest Condolences to Stephen and Joy Colwell** - (friends of Christina Harvell) loss of their newborn baby Maggie - 1401 London Rd. Round Rock, TX 78664

**Chris May New Number:** 334-235-1812

**Levi Colquitt** - Obeyed the Gospel this past Tuesday night. Lets welcome him to the Lord's family!

**THANK YOU!:** A big THANKS to all the teachers and volunteers who helped make VBS run so smoothly this year.

**Gospel Meetings** at Panama St. and Redland Road. See board for info.

## Prayer List

(in alphabetical order by last name)

**Lee Bowren** - (A. Sadler's mother) in nursing home in Heber Springs, AR

**David Brown** - (Mont. Police officer) - recovering from serious motorcycle accident

**Linda Bush** - Prattville Rehab & Nursing Home, RM 212

**Stuart Burkey** - (Lonnie's son) having tests run, doctors think he may have cancer.

**Amber Conrad** - (T. Harvell's cousin) recovering from surgery following an auto accident

**Russell Cooper** - (B. Little's brother)

**Joel Couch** - (baby of Josh and Amanda Couch - friends of C. Harvell) suffering from a seizure disorder that's affecting development.

**Joan Cox** - (extended family of D. Boyd) lung cancer

**Jerry Davidson** - (Director of Guyana missions) Parkinson's Disease

**Charles Dobbins** - (friend of the May family) under hospice care.

**Vicki Dobbins** - (friend of the May family) fell off ladder with lower back pain—at home recovering

**Darla Dorsey** - (daughter of Doug & Peggy Stabler) recovering from oral surgery.

**Glenn Fuller** - is doing some better.

**Sydney Fuller** - (G. Fuller's bother) has two inoperable aneurisms. Continue to pray for him.

**Charlie Gibbs** - (K. Cross's grandfather) health issues

**Addison Hall** - going for follow-up tests in October.

**Myra Hall** - expecting

**Christina Harvell** - expecting

**Fredrick & Teresa Harbaugh** - Travelling from China today, should arrive in the US tomorrow.

**Marilyn Hatcher** - (E. Howard's mother) Going in for treatment June 14th.

**The Howard Family** - Traveling to Maryland.

**Katie King** - Rm 451, Charleston Place, Old Prattville Hwy.

**Tim Johnson** - (G. Shelton's uncle) is undergoing cancer treatments

**Rayford Lee** - (J. Sadler's father-in-law)

**Walter & Cheryl May** - (R. May's parents) both facing physical ailments

**Nicole Nihart** - Requesting prayers

**Rosie Price** - Starting physical therapy after knee surgery.

**Peggy Rice** - (Janice Claunch's

mother) has suffered a few falls lately.

**June Stringer** - broken arm.

**Susan Stringer** - recovering from cataract surgery.

**Josh Tatum** - illness while in Belize, made it home safely.

**Tina Tatum** - Bapt. South room 502

**Mickey Thomas** - (former member) Prattville Rehab

**Amy Turner** - continuing to deal with illness.

**Kevin Turner** - ALS

**Juanita Waggoner** - (M. Stinson's aunt) advanced stage of Parkinson's Disease

**Garrett Young** - Requesting prayers.

**Military personnel & their families**

-Matthew Cooper (Basic—AIT)

-Britt Shores (Afghanistan)

-Keith Cleveland (C. Cleveland's grandson, Iraq returning home in June)

-Keith Golden (Goldens' son)

-Joshua Corey-deployed

-Joel Jackson

-Barry Freeman

-Matthew Martin

-Stewart Burkey

-Todd Wheeler-being deployed

... but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. *Philippians 4:6*

## Congregational Information

### Elders:

Terry Claunch.....285-4142  
 Glenn Fuller.....365-4923  
 Lary Sadler.....285-7455

### Preacher:

Terry Claunch

Study.....285-6327  
 Home.....285-4142  
 Cell.....313-1539

### Work of Evangelism:

Home Bible Studies  
 Bible Correspondence Studies  
 Biblical Tracts  
 Staton & Tutwiler Prisons  
 Sermon CDs & Cassettes  
 Gospel Broadcasting Network

### Work of Benevolence:

Food Pantry  
 Guyana Missions—Summerdale  
 Congregation  
 1st Sunday singing & devo-Autumn Place  
 2nd Sunday singing—Merry Wood Lodge  
 Clothes for Panama  
 Eye Glasses for Thailand  
 Assistance to those in need

### Work of Edification:

Sunday  
 Bible Class.....9:00 AM  
 Worship.....10:00 AM  
 Worship.....5:00 PM  
 3rd Monday  
 Bible Study.....6:30 PM  
 Wednesday  
 Ladies' Class.....10:30 AM  
 Bible Class.....7:00 PM

### Internet

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 contact@grandviewpineschurch.org  
*Look for us on Facebook!*  
 (Grandview Pines church of Christ &  
 Grandview Pines church of Christ Youth)

### Where We Meet

165 Deatsville Hwy, Millbrook, AL, 36054

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday Worship Services

	Today: June 5th	Next Week: June 12th
<b>AM Service</b>		
Announcements	T. Young	J. Hall
Song Leader	G. Vinson	S. Girod
Opening Prayer	K. Moody	R. Golden
Scripture Reading	G. Young Proverbs 12:1-7	B. Cooper Proverbs 12:8-14
Lord's Supper - Head	L. Sadler	J. Cox
Lord's Supper - Serve	R. Abrams R. Golden J. Hammonds R. May	T. Young J. Ezekiel D. Conyer R. Obert
Closing Prayer	J. Claunch	G. Young
<b>PM Service</b>		
Announcements	T. Young	J. Hall
Song Leader	G. Vinson	S. Girod
Opening Prayer	L. Burkey	T. Young
1st Sunday Sermon	L. Sadler	--
Lord's Supper	L. Sadler	J. Cox
Closing Prayer	T. Harvell	J. Woodruff
<b>Sunday Helpers' List</b>		
Foyer Attendant	J. Cox	K. Moody
Greeters	S. Girod D. Conyer	T. Young K. Moody
Nursery Attendant	D. Cox	C. Obert
Shut-In Communion	L. Burkey	T. Claunch
<b>Wednesday Bible Study</b>		
	This Week: June 8th	Next Week: June 15th
Song Leader	C. Mayne	A. Stinson
Invitation	J. Hammonds	G. Vinson
Closing Prayer	R. Golden	S. Girod

\* If you cannot meet your scheduled duty & cannot find a replacement, please contact Jim Hammonds.

### Do You Know Your Bible?

<b>This Week's Question</b> <i>Answer in next Week's Bulletin</i>  <b>How many men did Nebuchadnezzar see in the furnace?</b>	<b>Answer to Last Week's Questions</b> <i>Answer in next Week's Bulletin</i>  How many cows were in Pharaoh's dream?  <b>Fourteen</b> <b>Genesis 41</b>
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